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EXPORT DUTY ON IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reduced export duty on Iron Ore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the per tonne cut in export duty on Iron Ore;

(c) the total revenue shortfall estimated every year due to this; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to compensate this loss?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) Yes, Sir. On export of iron ore fines with Fe content of 62% & below, export duty has been reduced from Rs. 300 per metric tonne to Rs. 50 per metric tonne.

(b) The export duty on iron ore fines with Fe content of 62% and below has been reduced by Rs. 250 per metric tonne. Revision of export duty on iron ore fines was done after coming to a conclusion that iron ore fines of Fe content upto 62% do not have domestic market.

(c)&(d): It is too early to evaluate its impact on revenue, since the export duty on iron ore has been imposed in 2007-08 budget only.